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A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING WEIGHT

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Dear Sir:

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL INTERFERENCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.607

Please preliminarily amend the subject patent application as follows.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 7. A marked up version of these changes is attached at Appendix A.

- This application is a continuation of 09/548,485 filed on April 13, 2000,

which is a continuation of 08/194,719 filed on November 12, 1998 now U.S. Patent No.

6,070,115, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.

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#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-35 and add the following new claims.



## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that the enclosed Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 16 th day of March, 2001.

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